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Energy and Environment Cabinet Announces Middle School Photography Contest for Earth Day 2015 *Contest celebrates the beauty, diversity of Kentucky*

Frankfort, Ky. (Jan. 20, 2015) – The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) has kicked off its fifth-annual 'Capture the Earth' digital photography contest for all Kentucky students in grades 6-8.

The Capture the Earth photo contest is open to all Kentucky middle school students. Judges will look for originality and creativity, photo composition, and a brief explanation of how well the photograph celebrates the beauty and diversity of Kentucky and encourages others to care about the state's environment through stewardship and conservation.

"The goals of our photography contest are twofold," said EEC Secretary Len Peters. "First, we want students to get outside, explore their natural surroundings and connect with nature. Second, this contest enables students to use their creativity and critical thinking skills by taking photos and explaining, in writing, how their photo can encourage others to be better stewards of the environment."

EEC is accepting entries until 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2015. The winner will receive a night's lodging at a Kentucky State Resort Park of the winner's choosing with his or her family. Middle school students may email one photograph as an attachment to kidsphotocontest@ky.gov.

Official rules are available at <http://eec.ky.gov/Pages/earthday.aspx>. For more information, call Ricki Gardenhire at 502-564-5525 or email Ricki.gardenhire@ky.gov.

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